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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 21, 1989

1. CHINA: SWIFT "JUSTICE"

SHANGHAI'S HIGHER COURT YESTERDAY UPHELD DEATH SENTENCES AGAINST THREE PERSONS ACCUSED OF BURNING A TRAIN ON JUNE 6 AFTER IT HAD CRASHED THROUGH PROTESTERS, KILLING SIX, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. EXECUTION IS LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN A FEW DAYS. SEVERAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAVE PROTESTED THESE DEATH SENTENCES, AS WELL AS EIGHT IN BEIJING, BUT CHINA HAS REBUFFED THE DEMARCHES AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. CHINA'S SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY CALLED FOR SPEEDY TRIALS OF ALL WHO BROKE THE LAW DURING RECENT UNREST, URGING LENIENCY FOR THOSE WHO TURNED IN THEMSELVES OR OTHERS AND "SEVERE PUNISHMENT" FOR THE RECALCITRANT. MORE THAN 1,500 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, ACCORDING TO CHINESE FIGURES, INCLUDING AT LEAST SIX OF THE 21 "MOST WANTED" STUDENT LEADERS. CHINESE MEDIA CONTINUE THEIR LOW-LEVEL VILIFICATION OF FANG LIZHI AND FOREIGN SUPPORTERS OF PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS. BEIJING RADIO YESTERDAY QUOTED AN ANONYMOUS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WHO ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF PLAYING AN "INGLORIOUS ROLE" AND "ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS" IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE OF SUPPORTING, ENCOURAGING, AND PLOTTING THE UNREST.

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2. CHINA: DENG'S NEW BALANCING ACT

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CHINA'S LEADERS REPORTEDLY ARE HURDING IN PREPARATION
FOR A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS
TOMORROW, THAT WILL RATIFY ZHAO ZIYANG'S REMOVAL, APPOINT
HIS SUCCESSOR AS PARTY CHIEF, AND NAME A NEW LEADERSHIP
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